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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF 410TH PRC MEETING

1. TREATY DEVELOPMENTS: AMBASSADOR OPENED MEETING WITH REVIEW OF MOST RECENT TREATY DEVELOPMENTS, STARTING WITH SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT ORLANDO, SUBSEQUENT CLARIFYING STATEMENTS, GOP REACTION AND DISCLOSURE OF NEGOTIATION DETAILS, VIOLENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATION AT EMBASSY ON PREVIOUS DAY. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT AS RESULT OF NATIONAL GUARD UNWILLINGNESS TO RESTRAIN VANDALISM AND BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO EMBASSY HE HAD INSTRUCTED MISSION PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN CORRECT BY FORMAL RELATIONS WITH GOP CONTACTS FOR THE PRESENT. HE HOPED THAT OTHER AGENCIES WOULD MAINTAIN SAME POSTURE, AT LEAST FOR BRIEF PERIOD UNTIL MESSAGE OF USG DISPLEASURE GOT THROUGH. GOVERNOR ASKED WHETHER THIS WOULD AFFECT PROPOSAL TO ALLOW NATIONAL GUARD USE OF COCO SOLO RAMPS. SOUTHCOM CHIEF OF STAFF (CINC ON TRIP TO CHILE) STATED HE HAD RECEIVED HOLD ORDER AS US NEGOTIATORS HAD INDICATED THEY MIGHT USE PROPOSAL IN CONNECTION WITH NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. AMBASSADOR STATED FAVORABLE DECISION ON USE OF COCO SOLO RAMPS SHOULD NOT BE REVERSED SINCE IT BENEFITTED NOT ONLY NATIONAL GUARD BUT BOCAS DEL TORO INHABITANTS. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT

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COCO SOLO RAMPS COULD BE USED AS BARGAINING POINT IN

TREATY TALKS. WITH REGARD TO GOP REVELATION OF NEGOTIATING POSITIONS, GOVERNOR REPORTED THAT PCC/CZO EMPLOYEES CONSIDERED THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S PLEAS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY ON OCCASION HIS TALK IN ZONE HAD BEEN DISCREDITED AND THAT THEIR FRUSTRATIONS OVER HAVING TO RELY ON PANAMANIAN SOURCES FOR TREATY INFORMATION HAD BEEN HEIGHTENED.

2. FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS: GOVERNOR COMMENTED ON GN G-2 LTC NORIEGA OVERTURES TO CZ AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH JOINT PROCEDURES IN CASE STUDENTS ATTEMPT INCURSIONS IN ZONE AND HIS REQUEST THAT CZ POLICE AND MILITARY NOT OVER REACT IN THAT EVENT. GOVERNOR AFFIRMED POLICE STOOD READY TO COOPERATE WITH NATIONAL GUARD AND WERE MEETING SAME DAY TO DISCUSS MATTER. HOWEVER, HE DECLARED CZ POLICE COULD NOT WALK AWAY FROM THEIR BASIC RESPONSIBILITY. THEY WOULD NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, PERMIT NATIONAL GUARD TO ESCORT STUDENT FORAY THROUGH ZONE, ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT CONSIDER JOINT ESCORT FOR SMALL GROUP. GOVERNOR ALSO BROUGHT UP PROBLEM OF NOTIFYING CANAL ZONE RESIDENTS AND WORKERS OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN TOWN. IN PAST THERE HAS BEEN RELUCTANCE TO DISSEMINATE WARNINGS BECAUSE OF FEAR THEY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED PROVOCATIVE. DURING SEPT. 23 DEMONSTRATION SCN RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT HAD ALERTED CZ PERSONNEL OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND ENSUING "TRAFFIC CONGESTION". IT WAS AGREED THAT SUCH RADIO ALERTS WERE DESIRABLE AND NOT PROVOCATIVE AND THAT IN FUTURE JOINT INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE THREE PRC PRINCIPALS, COULD ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE WARNINGS TO BE BROADCAST.

3. SOUTHCOM DEVELOPMENTS: CHIEF OF STAFF REPORTED THAT PROBLEM OF SCN FM RADIO STATION INTERFERENCE WITH LOCAL STATION HAD BEEN RESOLVED AND MATTER IS CLOSED. HE OUTLINED SEVERAL PROPOSALS FOR SOUTHCOM PARTICIPATION IN PANAMANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES, ALL OF WHICH ARE BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING A READING OF THE ENVIRONMENT CLOSER TO NOVEMBER 3.

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